



Cabinet

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Cabinet held on Tuesday 23 November 2010 at 4.00 pm at Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

PRESENT: Councillor Peter John (Chair)
Councillor Ian Wingfield
Councillor Fiona Colley
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle
Councillor John Friary
Councillor Barrie Hargrove
Councillor Richard Livingstone
Councillor Abdul Mohamed
Councillor Veronica Ward

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Catherine McDonald and apologies for lateness were received from Councillor Ian Wingfield.

2. NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were no late items.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no disclosures of interests or dispensations.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

There were no public questions.

5. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the open minutes of the meetings held on 19 October and 2 November 2010 be approved as correct records and signed by the chair.

DEPUTATION REQUEST – DULWICH PARK FRIENDS

The chair agreed to receive a deputation from the Dulwich Park Friends in respect of the venue for the Mix Festival 2011.

The chair of Dulwich Park Friends Mr Trevor Moore made representations to the cabinet in relation to the appropriateness of holding the Mix Festival 2011 in Dulwich Park. He advised that the Dulwich Park Friends did not think Dulwich park was an appropriate venue for the festival due to the large scale of the proposed event and the potential damage to the ornamental heritage park by large vehicles and volume of people in the controlled area. The deputation informed the cabinet that there had been damage caused by the holding of a large scale event in the past and the park had taken a long time to recover. The deputation advised that £4m of lottery heritage investment and thousands of hours had been put into transforming the park and they did not want to see the restoration put at risk.

6. OUTCOME OF THE FINAL CONSULTATION PROCESS ON THE PROPOSED MERGER OF SURREY SQUARE INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS TO CREATE SURREY SQUARE PRIMARY SCHOOL

RESOLVED:

That agreement be given to close Surrey Square infant school and to expand the age range of Surrey Square junior school from the current age range of 7 to 11 to age 3 to 11 from 3 January 2011.

7. CHANGES IN THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (NHS) AND IMPLICATIONS FOR SOUTHWARK COUNCIL

RESOLVED:

Decisions of the Cabinet

1. That the changes being planned and taking place in the National Health Service (NHS) at national, regional and borough level and the continuing degree of uncertainty surrounding these developments be noted.
2. That the implications for the council's arrangements for partnership working with the health sector in Southwark in both the shorter term transition period prior to the abolition of Southwark Primary Care Trust (PCT) in April 2013 and in the longer term be noted.
3. That the proposal from Southwark GPs to be considered as a GP consortium pathfinder be welcomed and Cabinet agrees to support them in this project.

4. That the council undertake a due diligence exercise with the Primary Care Trust (PCT) to clarify all current joint and shared arrangements between the two organisations through which their accountabilities are currently delivered, in consideration of the changes that are taking place in the health system.
5. That it be noted that a team in the council is leading work on considering all of the implications that are taking place in the health system.

Decisions of the Leader of the Council

6. That that the cabinet member for health and adult social care oversee a programme of work to implement the legislation that will follow the NHS White Paper and respond to the future government publications anticipated on public health and adult social care.

8. ADOPTION OF REFRESHED SOUTHWARK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2010-16

RESOLVED:

1. That the revised Southwark economic development strategy 2010-2016 (attached as appendix 1 of the report) be approved and adopted.
2. That the revised Southwark economic development strategy 2010-2016 be approved and adopted as the borough's local economic assessment, in response to the local authority economic assessment duty.
3. That the council's role in the associated 2010/11 strategic delivery plans (attached as appendices 2 & 3 of the report) be noted and approved.

9. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2010-19 QUARTER 2 MONITORING REPORT

RESOLVED:

1. That the current monitoring position for the capital programme 2010/11 – 2018/19 for both the general fund and housing investment programme as at 30 September 2010 (appendices A and B of the report) be noted.
2. That the addition of budgets into the programme, matched by additional funding secured (appendix C of the report) be approved.
3. That the reprofiling of spend and resources in the 2010-19 general fund capital programme (appendix D of the report) be noted and approved.
4. That the finance director refresh the 10 year capital programme taking into account issues arising from the spending review 2010, new emerging priorities and strategies and the detailed options appraisals on the remaining bids from the capital refresh in February 2010. This to be considered in the context of resources available.

10. REVISED OFFICE ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY

The cabinet considered the closed part of the report prior to agreeing the decisions below.

RESOLVED:

1. That the principles to be applied when planning for the council's office accommodation needs as set out in appendix 1 of the report be agreed.
2. That the components of the strategy developed by officers in accordance to these principles be approved:
 - Concludes that the retention of Southwark's three town halls as operational buildings as agreed on 21 October 2008 by the then executive is not affordable;
 - That the future use of Southwark Town Hall, Walworth Town Hall and 19 Spa Road (known as Bermondsey Town Hall) and the functions remaining within the town halls are reallocated in accordance with the detail as described from paragraph 47 of the report;
 - That officers bring forward plans to provide for a large shared operational office facility in the centre or south of the borough;
 - That it be confirmed that 17 Spa Road will be surplus to requirements from 30 September 2011;
 - That officers provide alternative means of providing customer services to the current users of the Bermondsey One Stop Shop;
 - That officers develop proposals for the relocation of the pavilion building currently at 17 Spa Road to Camberwell through a full investigation of potential sites, including D'Eynsford Road, integration with wider plans for regeneration in Camberwell, following a complete needs analysis and consultation.
3. That the finance director incorporate all resource implications arising from the agreed programme within the policy and resources strategy for 2011/12-2013/14 and to incorporate capital implications within the revised capital programme for agreement by council assembly. The finance director to identify required funding in consultation with the cabinet member for finance and resources.
4. That officers commence preparation immediately on best terms for the sale of freehold, sale of leases and termination of leases, of property held by the council and released through this strategy.

11. ELEPHANT AND CASTLE – PROVISION OF A NEW LEISURE FACILITY

The cabinet considered the closed part of the report prior to agreeing the decisions below.

RESOLVED:

Decisions of the Cabinet

1. That the outcome of the consultation exercise summarised in paragraphs 23 to 30 and attached at Appendix 1 of the report that had been carried out throughout September and October be noted.
2. That the proposed provisional budget for the Elephant and Castle Leisure Centre as detailed in the closed report and the further work which will be undertaken to assess project costs prior to the submission of a bid for capital programme funding be noted.
3. That the project mandate for the redevelopment of the leisure centre site (attached in Appendix 2 of the report) and in particular the following key principles be agreed:
 - That the new leisure facility include the following core provision: a 6 lane 25m swimming pool, a learner pool, a 4 court sports hall, a gym, an exercise studio, a crèche and a cafe.
4. That officers report back the terms on which the adjoining residential plot will be sold at an appropriate time.
5. That officers report back, through the second gateway process, at the appropriate time once all design and technical has been completed to recommend the award of the construction contract.

Decisions of the Leader of the Council

6. That approval of the planning application prior to submission be delegated to the cabinet member for regeneration and corporate strategy.
7. That the appointment of the Local Education Partnership (LEP) to construct and deliver the Elephant and Castle Leisure Centre, through the first gateway process, subject to existing protocols for LEP engagement and demonstrating value for money be delegated to the cabinet member for finance and resources.

12. MOTIONS REFERRED FROM COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

Free School Breakfasts

RESOLVED:

1. That it be noted that the pilot of the free healthy school meals for all primary aged pupils is being launched in January 2011 and will run in 10 schools until July 2011, with implementation in all primary schools – initially in specific year groups from September 2011.
2. That it be noted that whilst for some families the provision of breakfast at school may be helpful, for other households breakfast is an important family meal at home. We will look into the practicality and relative costs of any option to extend the school day to provide breakfasts. The feasibility of introducing an option of free healthy breakfasts instead of lunches will be looked into as part of the evaluation of the free healthy school meals pilot.

Labour's record in office so far and the Liberal Democrats' broken election promises

RESOLVED:

That the motion be noted.

Thames Water Sewage Tunnel

RESOLVED:

That the motion be noted, and as part of the report to be received by Cabinet on 14 December 2010 officers include a complete timeline of events in respect of this issue.

The Comprehensive Spending Review

RESOLVED:

That the motion be noted.

13. NOMINATION TO ADOPTION PANEL AND APPOINTMENTS TO GROUNDWORK BOROUGH STEERING GROUP 2010-11

RESOLVED:

1. That the councillor nomination to the Adoption Panel for the remainder of the 2010-11 year in line with paragraph 13 of the report be decided by the leader.
2. That Councillor Toby Eckersley be appointed as the Conservative group representative on the Groundwork Borough Steering Group.

3. That Councillor Barrie Hargrove be confirmed as an additional representative on the Groundwork Borough Steering Group.

DISCUSSION OF ANY OTHER OPEN ITEMS AS NOTIFIED AT THE START OF THE MEETING

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved, seconded and

RESOLVED:

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in category 3 of paragraph 10.4 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Southwark Constitution.

The following is a summary of the decisions taken in the closed section of the meeting.

14. REVISED OFFICE ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY

The cabinet considered the closed information relating to the revised accommodation strategy and agreed the recommendations contained in the closed report.

15. ELEPHANT AND CASTLE – PROVISION OF A NEW LEISURE FACILITY

The cabinet considered the closed information relating to Elephant and Castle, provision of a new leisure facility and agreed the recommendations contained in the closed report.

The meeting ended at 6.35pm

CHAIR:

DATED:

DEADLINE FOR NOTIFICATION OF CALL-IN UNDER SECTION 21 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES IS MIDNIGHT, THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER 2010.

THE ABOVE DECISIONS WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTABLE UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE. SHOULD A DECISION OF THE CABINET BE CALLED-IN FOR SCRUTINY, THEN THE RELEVANT DECISION WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING THE OUTCOME OF SCRUTINY CONSIDERATION.